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To complete this final project, I first thought about the CARP tools. I wanted to make sure I used them efficiently. I began thinking how I could create a poster about myself using contrast, alignment, repetition, and proximity correctly. I thought about different shapes, colors, and sizes I could use. I wanted to make sure it was organized and had some sort of repetition without it being too busy or crowded. I think it is easy to create something that isn't very nice to look at. It takes more time and energy to create something of value. As a teacher, I have to do this daily. It would be easy to come up with boring activities and worksheets to have my students complete. It is time consuming to create valid lesson plans, but the reward is worth the time put in.

I thought of this web idea that I have used in my class before for teaching a certain topic. I have used this before while teaching about a certain war. Students would put the war in the middle circle. Then they would put battles in the next circles and characteristics of those battles next. Teachers can use this in a variety of ways. I can think of specific examples for each subject area. It is a great way for students to learn important concepts.

I thought I would use this format to describe myself because it seemed to fit all of the CARP requirements. The different circles represent repetition while the different colors and shapes of the circles represent contrast. I had to make sure that the circles were aligned next to the appropriate larger circle so the viewer can easily see what I am explaining. The proximity comes into play because I don't want the circles too close to each other or too far away. I want it to be easy to read and follow and pleasing to the eye. The viewer has to know what smaller circles are related to the larger ones without having to look too hard.

I thought four circles outside of the main one would be enough to demonstrate interests of mine, and still be acceptable with CARP tools requirements. It was a fun project to create because it was about my interests and I thought it did a good job of describing me as a person. I didn't have problems using and implementing CARP tools during this project. Once I had the idea it was easy to create. I had more problems with Adobe Illustrator than with using CARP. The text tool was being difficult and kept making my circles "disappear". It was nice to have to create a project and have to keep these tools in mind while completing the task.

I can envision using this in other classes in the future. I think and hope that it is a good representation of CARP and me that other classmates will enjoy looking at. This is also a great idea because I am looking forward to looking at my current classmates' projects to learn more about them. After being in the same class all semester it will be fun to learn more about them. I also think that each person will have different ideas for this project and it will give everyone ideas for future projects. I am excited to see other examples and possibly even implement some ideas into my current lesson plans. I love trying new ideas to get my students engaged in the content!